



Rooted in **READING**

THE WILD CHRISTMAS REINDEER



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COMPREHENSION

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CAUSE AND EFFECT

Teeka put the reindeer in stalls that they weren't used to.

Teeka yelled at the reindeer when they were practicing.

Teeka apologized to the reindeer for being mean.

Cause & Effect

The cause is why something happens.

The effect is what happens.

EFFECT

Teeka put the reindeer in stalls that they weren't used to.

Reindeer get all tangled up!

CAUSE

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LESSON of the story

What is the author trying to teach you?

The Wild Christmas Reindeer

I think the author wants me to learn how to be a leader and be kind at the same time!

Cause & Effect

The cause is why something happens.

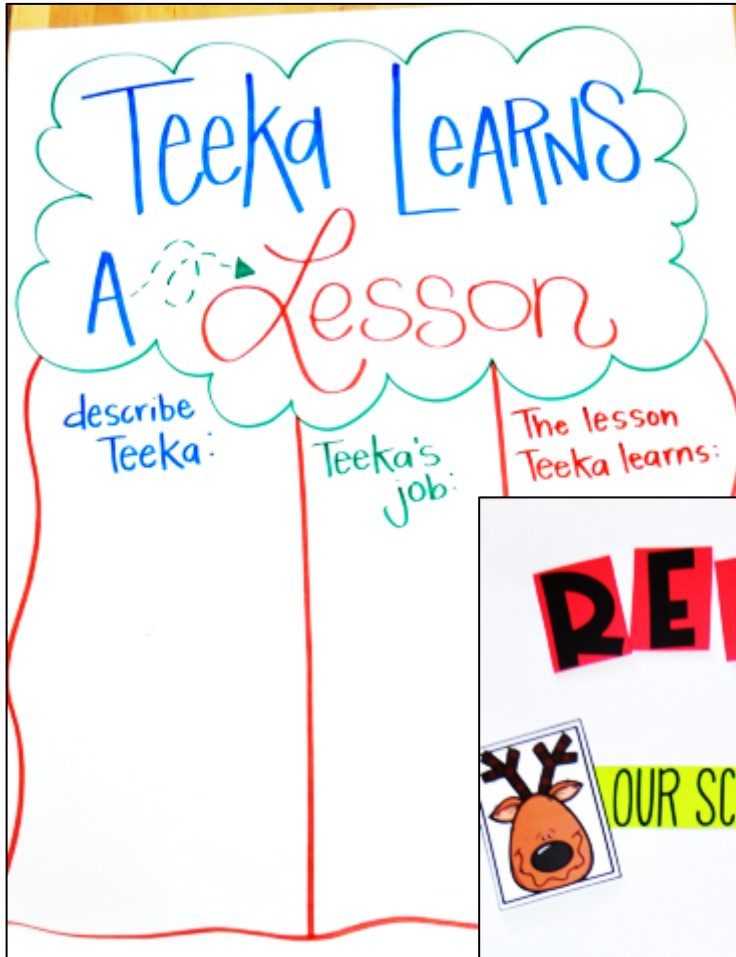
The effect is what happens.

Example: Cause: Teeka puts reindeer in stalls without thinking. Effect: Reindeer are anxious and angry.

ANCHOR CHARTS

Teeka LEARNS
A Lesson

describe Teeka:
Teeka's job:
The lesson Teeka learns:



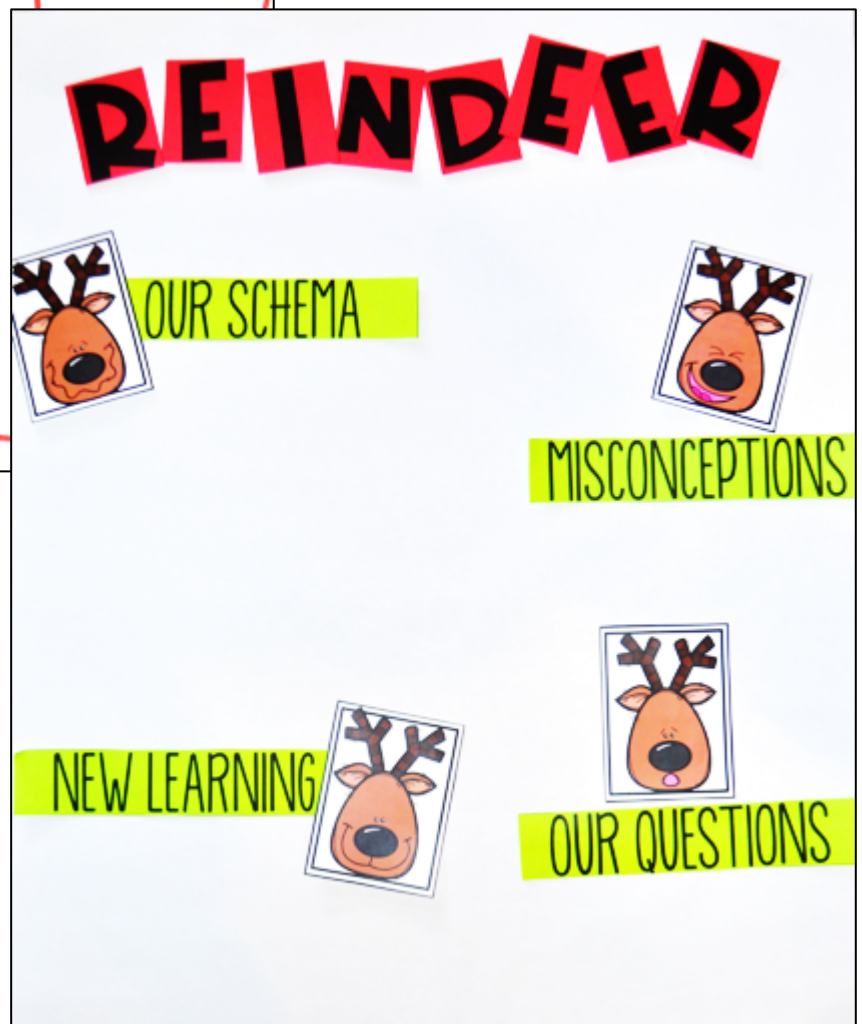
REINDEER

OUR SCHEMA

MISCONCEPTIONS

NEW LEARNING

OUR QUESTIONS



NONFICTION READER

The nonfiction reader is a separate PDF in the zip folder.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever wondered about those beautiful but mysterious animals that you see in books and movies? These mammals are called caribou. There are two main kinds of caribou: tundra and woodland. Tundra Caribou can be found in Europe, Asia, Greenland, and parts of North America. The Woodlands Caribou prefer forests that are close to rivers and lakes like in Alaska, Canada, Scandinavia, and Siberia.



ANTLERS

Immediately when someone sees reindeer they notice the antlers. Unlike deer where only the males have antlers, both male and female reindeer have antlers. The female has shorter antlers and sheds them after she has a baby. The male uses his antlers to show dominance and sheds his after mating season.



VOCABULARY

bolting: dashed

Draw a picture of you **dashing**.
Write a sentence to go along with it.

Start

I dashed across the line after bolting the race.

bewildered: confused

Write about a time that you felt **bewildered**.

Last week I was bewildered when I came home to a really messy room! I had no clue how it got that way!

Match It Up!

directed	to speak in a sharp or angry way
bewildered	confused
scolded	to give control by giving orders
sleek	smooth or shiny
bolting	dashed
gentle	soft, mild

Vocabulary Quiz
(The Wild Christmas Reindeer by Jan Brett)

Name: _____

gentle •bewildered •directed
bolting •sleek •scolded

Directions: Use each word once to complete the sentence.

- As soon as I opened the back door, my dog backed up to _____ for the woods that our house
- After Lamar was tackled he had a _____ look on his face that made his mother very nervous.
- As the students walked off the bus and into the school Mr. Brown _____ them into the library.
- Jacque's mom brushed her _____ brown hair up into a ponytail.
- Stacy doesn't like to be _____ because she knows that means her parents are disappointed in her behavior.
- My mom asked me to be _____ as I helped put my brother's shoes on him.

Write about a time that you felt **bewildered**.
Write about a time that you felt **bolting**.
Write about a time that you felt **directed**.
Write about a time that you felt **gentle**.
Write about a time that you felt **scolded**.
Write about a time that you felt **sleek**.
Write about a time that you felt **bolting**.

Write an antonym for the word **gentle**.
Write a picture to go with your list of five objects that are **sleek**.
Write about a time that you **directed** something or someone.

WRITING ACTIVITY



REINDEER

There are two types of
Caribou: the tundra and
woodland caribou. Both the male
and female caribou have antlers.

Name: _____

DRAW & WRITE



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The reindeer got all tangled up during their training. They could not separate until Teeka spoke to them softly.

Name: _____



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REINDEER RESEARCH

FACTS

statements that are true



Reindeer travel long distances each year to search for food.

OPINIONS

someone's feelings or beliefs about a topic



Caribou are awesome!

IT'S a **FACT**



Caribou are most active during the day.



The thick fur on the back of a caribou helps them stay warm.

IT'S an **OPINION**



Reindeer babies are cuddly and cute.



The antlers are very large and beautiful.

the name
called
travel in herds.
Reindeer swim through icy
nose that
break

RESEARCH



Name: _____

REINDEER Round-up

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT REINDEER

- mammals
- antlers
- hooves
- Arctic
- live on land

WHAT I WONDER (QUESTIONS)

- can they fly?
- Where do they sleep?
- What do they eat?

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT REINDEER

- shed antlers
- eat grass, moss & plants
- travel a long way
- can sleep standing up

Antlers
 Caribou have antlers on the top of their head. The male caribou shed their antlers in the winter.

IT'S a FACT

Caribou COMMENTS

A	F	I	O
B	F	J	F
C	F	K	O
D	F	L	O
E	O	M	F
F	F	N	F
G	F	O	F
H	O		

IT'S an ANIMAL

Reindeer eat delicious food such as moss, grass, and plants. They look funny when they are growing antlers. If it is too cold where the reindeer live.

REINDEER Research

ABOUT THE ANIMAL
 Reindeer are mammals that have thick fur and antlers.

HABITAT Arctic Tundra	DIET moss plants grass
PREDATORS bears wolves -Wolverines	BABES -called calves -grow antlers

INTERESTING FACTS
 Reindeer are called caribou. They can swim. They travel far.

AntLER Announcement

On top of a reindeer's head you will find a pair of antlers. Antlers are used against predators, to dig for food, and are even used to fight one another. These impressive antlers are shaped much like tree branches. Did you know that reindeer shed their antlers each year? Male reindeer shed their antlers in the winter, while female reindeer shed theirs in the spring. These fascinating creatures can grow antlers that weigh up to 30 pounds. Also, reindeer are the only member of the deer family where the females grow antlers. That's what makes them the most intriguing animal of all!